

Will Sue for Mining.

The Denver News says: "Tim Foley's widow is on a fair road to becoming one of the richest women in the most moderate circumstances, the wealth that her husband left behind having been gobbled up in one way or another. She is now said to be the owner of one-third of the entire Moreno property, the aggregate value of the mines being not far from 2,000,000. Judge Steele, of the county court, yesterday signed an order giving her permission to enter into a contract with several attorneys of Denver who will this week file the first papers in a litigation to establish the aged lady's rights. The suit promises to almost equal the Coffin lawsuit, which consumed several months in the district court.

"Among the prominent people who will be sued is T. B. Catron of New Mexico, a great republican leader, formerly a delegate to congress and the real political power of the territory. Hon. James Lynch of Trinidad, will also be called upon to explain several matters in connection with Mrs. Foley's rights. Should the widow win her case, and her counsel say they have great confidence that she will, she will not only secure title to the entire Moreno property, Red Bandana and one-third of the famous Aztec, but her share of the profits from those mines extending over a period of nearly twelve years. As the Aztec has given its alleged owners over a million dollars so far, the importance of the case can be surmised.

"Tim Foley was supposed to be one of the richest men in the state at the time of his death. He engaged freely in mining and had the best success in Colorado. He rarely if ever confided in anyone, about his affairs, and even his wife was unaware of what he owned or the revenue which he derived. Tim died in 1887, leaving his widow and two infant children. Mrs. Foley hardly realized what road was before her. The family had always had plenty and the wife had never paid any attention to the future. Ignorant of her rights and neglecting to seek counsel, she left the entire estate unprotected. There was no administrator appointed for several years, while in the meantime the property slipped rapidly away into unknown hands. Finally a number of so-called creditors had the public administrator appointed to look after the remnant of the estate.

"About this time Mrs. Foley commenced looking into the affairs of the late husband. While rummaging through his effects stored away in an old trunk she discovered a batch of legal documents, among which was a contract between her husband, James Lynch and T. B. Catron, by the terms of which Foley was given a third interest in the Aztec mine in New Mexico. There was also found among the papers a deed to Foley, conveying the entire Moreno mines, lying near by the Aztec and at this time very valuable. At the time of Foley's death he had interests in Leadville, which are easily worth today over a million dollars. But by some sort of judicial proceedings the heirs were divested and the properties went into the hands of present mining kings.

"The papers purporting to vest her husband with the mines were shown by Mrs. Foley to a Denver lawyer, who at once pronounced them valid and to all appearances giving him title to some of the richest gold rock in the territory. The news was a great surprise to Mrs. Foley, who for years has been moderately situated. She was some time ago appointed guardian of her two children, Mary and Matthew Angelo, both of whom are said to be quite attractive. In behalf of them and of herself Mrs. Foley came into the court yesterday with a petition reciting briefly the facts as outlined above and asking permission to enter in a contract with counsel to prosecute her claims. Judge Steele approved of the plan to employ Attorneys Thomas J. O'Donnell, Milton Smith, Charles J. Blakeney and R. D. Thompson. As Mrs. Foley has little money the counsel will go to work upon a contingent fee.

"A representative from Mr. O'Donnell's office has returned from New Mexico, where he examined the properties and records affecting the same. He also submitted a report showing the returns to be very heavy, running considerably over 100,000 a year in the Aztec alone. An accounting will, of course, have to be made of all the dividends, declared ever since Foley died,

which run up into the hundreds of thousands.

The Aztec is a lode mine in Colfax county, N. M. It is on the east side of Baldy mountain, and has produced over a million dollars in gold. Ore is found there assaying more than 100,000 a ton, and according to the official treatise on the Maxwell land grant mining district, the mine occurs in the shales of the cretaceous series and immediately underlying the Laramie coal measures. Near it is Black Copper, recently discovered, which has produced ore assaying as high as 284,000 to the ton.

"The Aztec is located on the divide between Ute and Ponil creeks, due east from the top of Old Baldy mountain. It has been worked to a depth of about 500 feet and for 1,500 feet along the vein. It has a 1,600 foot gravity tramway and a fifty-stamp mill. Frequently streaks and pockets occur very rich in character and showing large quantities of wire gold.

"Mrs. Foley's claim is also for the Red Bandana, which is banner mine of the Moreno district, and upon which 3,000 feet of development work has been done. The vein is very large and the ore yields about 600 a ton. From twelve tons upwards a day are taken out. The Moreno lies near the Red Bandana, and is one of the largest in the camp. Mrs. Foley claims all of it, with dividends."

General Mining News

A special from the City of Mexico says: Alexander (Boss) Shepard of Washington, D. C., has sold mining properties in Batopilas to an English syndicate for 3,000,000. Shepard has six months in which to make the delivery, when, it is said, he will return to Washington.—Live Stock Record.

Just as we go to press we are informed by the local merchants who usually buy the total production of gold dust produced by the dry washers of Hillsboro placers that the output for August is worth 2,000. Amid the dust are seven nuggets worth 467. One of our assayers finds that water being pumped out of the Bobtail mine yields 2.25 in gold to the ton. The discovery has no further value than going to show the great richness of the Bobtail property. There was mined last week from the fabulously rich strike on the Trippie mine an ore pile that is valued at 16,000. Only five miners could be worked directly on the vein, owing to lack of development, and those made the grand showing above recorded.—Hillsboro Advocate.

The Casey group of four gold claims in the Los Cabezas mining district have changed hands. Yesterday John Casey, who represented his brother in the deal, closed with R. B. Sheldon, of Riverside, California, and the Star says deeds in escrow were placed in the Consolidated National bank, it being understood that 60,000 is to be paid the Casey brothers for the properties on which 300 feet deep has been reached and fully 2,000 feet of ground opened up. Frank Mott, the mining engineer, who came over with Messrs. Sheldon and Casey to wind up the transaction, has examined the workings thoroughly. The two Riverside gentlemen have only been in conference with the Casey's on the subject about ten days. Those that are familiar with the Casey properties are satisfied that the gold group is a fine proposition and that there is good money in the purchase for the buyers. It is possible all the money will be paid by March next, a part payment being made yesterday.—Prospector.

W. E. Defty who is in charge of the Maricopa copper mines formerly known as the Osborne group near Wickenburg reports that development work is being rapidly pushed and the outlook is most promising for the future. The shaft is now down 125 feet and will be continued to a depth of at least 500 before a smelter is erected. Just at the present time the company is engaged in placing a good hoist on the property to facilitate the development work, and when fully opened up it will be time enough to build a smelter. There is, however, no doubt but that time will come. The property is well known, as it has been located for the last twenty years, but the former owner has always held it at so high a figure he could not dispose of it, and did not have the means to develop it himself. "Since the recent boom in mining matters people stopped scratching around on the surface like a lot of old hens," says Mr. Defty, "but have gone to mining in earnest. This is not only

the case with this mine, but with lots of them in the same district, and in a short time Wickenburg will be heard from in big letters.—Journal-Miner.

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